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Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 2, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE03/00952, filed March 21, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10216662.5 filed April 15, 2002, and of German application No. 10243558.8 filed September 19, 2002, all three of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 2, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 8, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 6, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 6 line 32, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 7 line 2, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--

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In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 10 lines 15-22 as follows:

According to the prior art, the beam 2 is moved back and forth in the x direction in a meandering manner for each line 12 and only then moved step by step in the direction of advancement 4 (z direction). With the method according to the invention it is possible to dispense with the meandering back and forth movement. This also simplifies the beam guidance or the movement of the energy source 15 or of the component 6.